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FOIPA Request No.: 1194023- 000
Subject: TAMELEO, HENRY (PHOTOS)

Dear Mr. Hassett:

In response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted to Winchester, VA., enclosed are processed documents responsive to your request.

Material consisting of 2 pages has been reviewed pursuant to Title 5, U.S. Code, Section 552 and this material is being released to you in its entirety with no excisions being made by the FBI.

Records (87-HQ-24830, 87-HQ-65399, 87-HQ-70595 and 95-HQ-147173), which may be responsive to your FOIA request, were destroyed between March 1, 1990 and December 1, 1994. Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. The retention and disposal of records are governed by statute and regulation under the supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Title 44, United States Code, Section 3301 and Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 12, Sub-chapter B, Part 1228. The FBI Records Retention Plan and Disposition Schedules have been approved by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and are monitored by NARA.

Additionally, a record that may be responsive to your Freedom of Information Act request has been transferred to the National Archives. You may desire to direct a request to the National Archives, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Please reference the file number 31-HQ-22698.

Unfortunately, we are unable to access the manual indices of FBI Headquarters, for the last name of Pameleo, at this time as they are currently being prepared for automation.

Lastly, it is unnecessary to adjudicate your fee waiver request because there are no assessable fees.

Although no denials were made to your request, we are required to inform you that you are entitled to file an administrative appeal if you so desire. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001. Your appeal must be received by OIP within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so that it may be identified easily.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

By ARTHUR STRATTON

Raymond Patriarca, Henry Tameleo of Cranston, R. I., his purported lieutenant in the New England Cosa Nostra, and Ronald Cassesso of Somerville, an alleged strong arm man, were found guilty of conspiracy to murder yesterday in the U. S. District Court at Boston.

U. S. Atty. Paul F. Markham, who prosecuted the trio, called it a "break-through in the pursuit of organized crime and gangland slayings in New England."

Said the 60-year-old Patriarca after his conviction:

"You are persecuting an old man."

Atty. Gen. Elliot Richardson called the conviction "a great advancement for law enforcement."

For Joseph (Barboza) Baron, who turned government witness, and said Patriarca hired him to kill a Providence gambler, the jury's verdict meant he has become a credible witness for future prosecutions of gangland killings and anti-crime operations at both the state and federal level.

More sensations in the latest drive against organized crime, including an explanation of the car bombing of Baron's lawyer, Atty. John E. Fitzgerald, Jr., in Everett in January, will be unfolded swiftly, investigators predicted last night.

The all-male federal court jury took about four hours — interrupted by two inquiries to Judge Francis J. W. Ford — to convict Patriarca, Tameleo, and Cassesso, 36.

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The three face sentences of 5 to 15 years in a federal penitentiary when they reappear before Judge Ford on March 25.

Patriarca, the subject of the worst pardon scandal in the history of Massachusetts in the mid-'30s, was back in his home at 165 Lancaster St., Providence, last night, free on \$25,000 bail.

TWO IN JAIL

But Cassesso and Tameleo were at the Norfolk Prison Colony and at the Charles Street Jail, respectively. Cassesso is serving a nine to 12-year sentence for armed robbery. Tameleo is held without bail in connection with a Suffolk County case.

Flushed with victory in his drive on organized crime within his jurisdiction, U.S. Atty. Markham gave high praise to the FBI, operatives of the office of Dist. Atty. Garrett H. Byrne of Suffolk County and Providence police who testified as government witnesses against Patriarca, long the boss of the gaming-ridden Federal Hill section of Providence.

Baron, last night, was back in his secret hideout with his 23-year-old wife, a situation that



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was scored by attorneys for the defendants during the five-day trial as a "pay-off" for his cooperation with law enforcement officials. Technically, he is serving a four to five year sentence at the State Prison at Walpole for gun-carrying.

What will be the next move in the 35-year-old Baron's "tell-all" role was not disclosed last night. But the wires between the U.S. Department of Justice at Washington and U.S. Atty. Markham's office were busy last night in the wake of the impetus given the offensive against organized crime in New England.

It was reported that Baron

next will tell of the manner in which overlords of crime have taken over legitimate business enterprises in New England as a "cover" for their illicit operations.

NEXT CASE

Baron's comment last night was a terse "next case."

Prosecuting Patriarca and the other two with Markham were an attorney from the U.S. Department of Justice, Walter T. Barnes, as well as Asst. U.S. Atty. Edward F. Harrington of Markham's staff.

The defense counsel, Attys. Joseph J. Balliro for Tameleo; Ronald J. Chisholm for Cassesso; and Charles J. Curran of Providence for Patriarca, immediately served notice they would appeal yesterday's conviction. From the start they have maintained that a fair trial was im-



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possible in this area because of Patriarca's reputation. Their efforts to have the trial conducted in New York City were in vain.

The stoic Patriarca, a wid-

